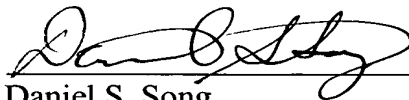


REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed February 23, 2005, Applicants hereby elect the invention according to Invention I for examination on the merits, with traverse. The dependencies of claims 37 and 57 noted by the Examiner have been corrected in the above amendment. It is noted that claims 57 and 58 now ultimately depend on claim 45 which is drawn to the elected invention. In addition, typographical errors in claims 35, 38, and 70 have also been corrected in the above amendment. Moreover, dependent claims 73-89 have been added which are ultimately dependent on claims 1 or 45, both of which are drawn to the elected invention. The newly added claims are linking claims in that they utilize inventive features of the non-elected invention and recite limitations associated therewith, but depend from the claims readable on the elected invention. Pursuant to MPEP §809, examination of these claims is requested. Thus, examination of claims 1-33, 39-42, 45-65, and 71-89 is respectfully requested.

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